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**MANCHESTER WATER WORKS
NEWS RELEASE
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SUBJECT: SNOW REMOVAL AT PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANTS

The Manchester Water Works in conjunction with area fire departments is asking its customers in Manchester and the surrounding towns to assist in the removal of snow at public fire hydrants. The Manchester Water Works presently has committed its workforce and heavy equipment to the work of removing snow which covers the nearly 3,300 public fire hydrants in the greater Manchester area. Dave Paris, Director of Manchester Water Works, indicated that in a normal storm, "we have several hundred area residents that help out by clearing the snow from the hydrants immediately adjacent to their house. We want to thank them for their continued efforts and encourage others to pitch in. With the series of storms we have recently experienced we are asking the public to give us a hand". In a fire emergency, just a few minutes spent removing snow to access a hydrant is critical. With more precipitation on the way, the Manchester Water Works and your local Fire Department need your help.

Paris also reminded area contractors and plow operators that state law specifically prohibits anyone from purposely or knowingly placing snow, ice or any other debris on a fire hydrant so as to make it inaccessible for immediate use.